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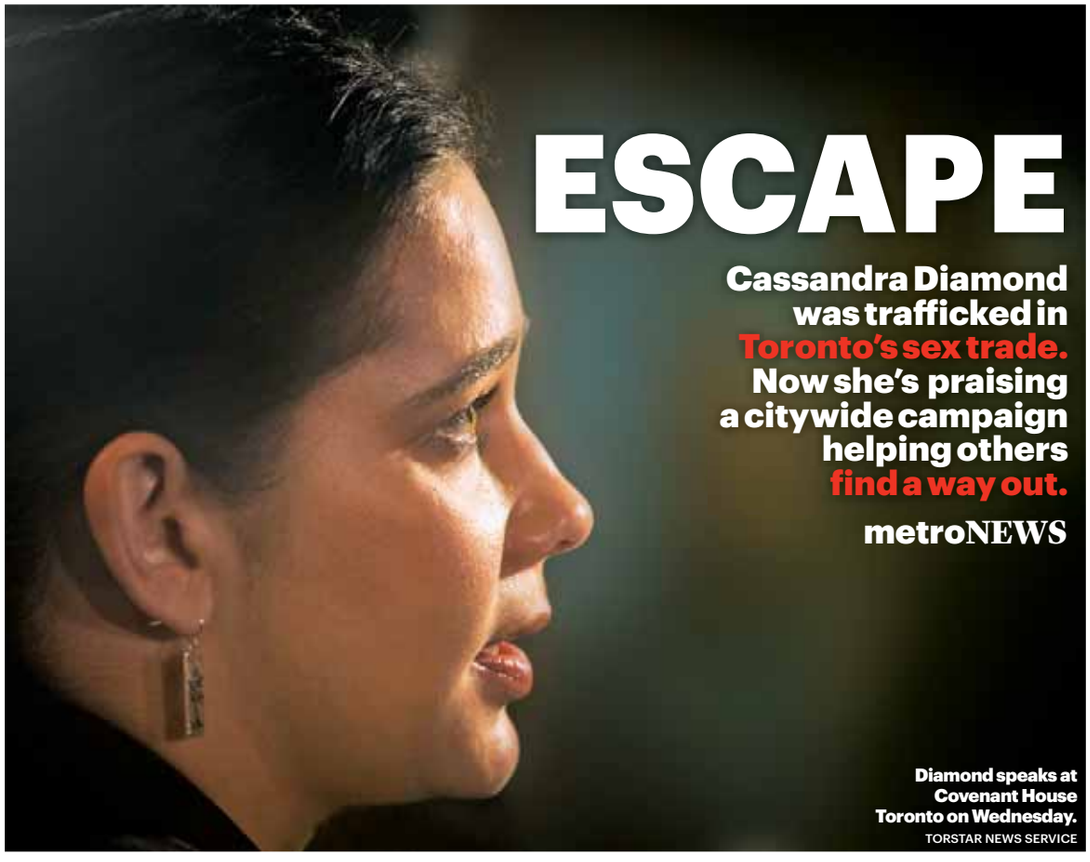

ESCAPE

Cassandra Diamond was trafficked in Toronto's sex trade. Now she's praising a citywide campaign helping others find a way out.

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Diamond speaks at Covenant House Toronto on Wednesday.
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Refugees to T.O. stalled

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Private groups urging feds to let them house newcomers

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Private groups looking to sponsor Syrian refugees are calling on the Canadian government to let them help as settlement organizations scramble to find housing for newcomers.

Toronto hit the pause button on accepting new government-sponsored refugees Wednesday. Mario Calla, executive director of COSTI, an immigrant services group, asked for five days without new arrivals to sort out a bottleneck that has more than 1,000 refugees living in hotels while permanent housing is found.

At least another 300 government-sponsored refugees are expected to arrive in the next three weeks, some of whom could be placed in refurbished army barracks outside the city if hotel space runs out.

Groups across the city, meanwhile, are ready and waiting with open arms to give people homes.

"We don't have a bottleneck. We've got an apartment with no one in it," said Claude Hould, chair of refugee support at Rosedale United Church, which has 15 private sponsor groups.

Immigration Minister John McCallum said Wednesday he's open to moving some government-sponsored refugees into the private stream. He also pledged to help resettlement agencies, like COSTI, hire more staff.

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'It's pretty nasty under the Gardiner'

DEVELOPMENT

Drawings show possibility of friendly paths below bridge

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Before and after: how a section of the eastern Gardiner might be changed, according to the City of Toronto's drawings. CONTRIBUTED

Kids play joyfully next to six lanes of traffic and friends sit together eating gelato under the rustling overpass.

It will be a glorious future under the eastern Gardiner Expressway, according to the conceptual drawings released by the City of Toronto on Wednesday.

When city council voted to keep the eastern section of the expressway as an elevated highway last June, the plan included a budget for improvements to the pedestrian space underneath the Gardiner, alongside Lakeshore Boulevard.

The conceptual drawings released Wednesday depict what that could look like.

"The drawings of people hanging out under the highway as if it were a park are a little unrealistic," said Julie Beddoes, who is part of the project's citizen consultation process. "I don't intend to bring my lunch and eat it under the expressway.

"But if we can gild the lily let's gild it."

What the drawings show would be an improvement to what's there now, she said, adding: "It should be a crime that something so ugly should exist in our city."

Beddoes had supported tearing down that section of the Gardiner, but since council voted that option down she wants to make it the safest and most welcoming part for pedestrians. That will include budgeting the money to keep the area looking as clean as it does in the drawings.

"If it just deteriorates into a weedy garbage-filled strip, we won't be better off," she said.

Chris Glaisek, vice-president of planning and design with Waterfront Toronto, said the drawings are initial sketches, not firm plans, but do reflect the range of things that could be done in the space.

> **"It should be a crime that something so ugly should exist in our city."**
> Julie Beddoes

"It's pretty nasty under the Gardiner, but there's a lot of territory so is there a way of putting it to actual use that people can enjoy?" he said.

The drawings are based on real projects that have been done, such as Underpass Park, which has basketball parks and children's play equipment, he said.

The drawings are different than the Under Gardiner Project, which received $25 million of private funds to improve the space under the western section of the Gardiner from Strachan Avenue to Spadina Avenue. That section has different opportunities and constraints.

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You can now colour in the city with your woes.

Toronto's favourite rapper, Drake, is the subject of a new adult colouring book.

Entitled Under Star Projectors, the book features a number of illustrations of Drake — including one of him crying in a chair — and is published by U.K.-based Sugoi Books.

"It's our tribute to Drizzy himself, Aubrey Drake Graham. Ultimate lover, all time friend — he only means one thing," Sugoi's website reads.

The book is selling online for $14 CAD.

Drake is not the first Toronto icon to be given the colouring book treatment.

One focused on Kensington Market was released earlier this year and local artist Daniel Rotsztain has also turned his sketches of Toronto's 100 library branches into a colouring book.

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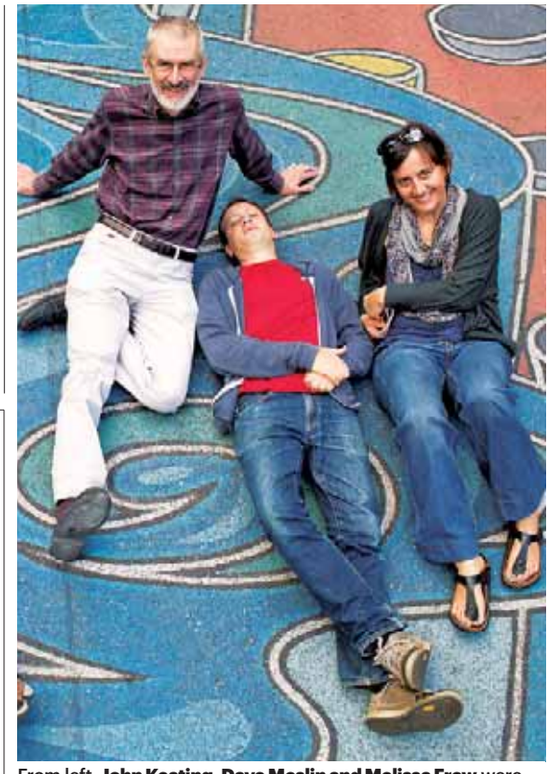

From left, **John Keating, Dave Meslin and Melissa Frew** were among those responsible for a Springmount Avenue street mural last summer. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

City rejecting street murals

COMMUNITY

Staff claim art program would add too many burdens

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

A proposal to add more art murals to Toronto roads is getting scrubbed by city staff.

Community activist Dave Meslin has been pushing the city to allow street murals since summer, when he and his neighbours in Regal Heights painted a stretch of Springmount Avenue.

"It was a great exercise in community building," Meslin said. "And the actual act of painting with all the kids was really fun."

The only mural city staff are recommending, however, is a bright red "rejected" stamp on Meslin's effort — saying a street mural program would "place considerable administrative, regulatory, and maintenance burdens on the city."

City council's public works committee will field the report — requested by Coun. Cesar Palacio — from city staff Thursday.

Given the city's stance, Palacio plans to introduce a watered-down version of the idea. Rather than allow community groups to paint murals in their neighbourhoods, he's suggesting the city approve two road murals as part of a pilot project in 2016.

Meslin called the staff report an example of Toronto's "risk-averse" bureaucracy.

> **While other cities innovate, we come up with excuses not to do something.**
> Dave Meslin

"We're not asking for money. We're not asking for staff to come and help us paint," he said. "We're just asking for permission."

The pilot project is "a baby step," he said.

"Streets are the largest canvas we have in public space," he said. "It's a huge canvas just crying out for some colour."

Paul Belyea, a crossing guard with the Toronto Police Services at Queen Street and Elmer Avenue, says he's complained about the amount of people running red lights at the intersection, as many students use the intersection daily. MELISSA RENWICK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Crash course in danger

PUBLIC SAFETY

Parents put children at risk of being hit

Rushed parents' litany of driving don'ts — from stopping in the middle of the road to let their children out or even on the opposite side of the street, forcing them to jaywalk amid busy traffic — puts young pedestrians at an increased risk of being hit by a car, a study by York University and the Hospital for Sick Children has found.

Researchers observed dangerous driving during the morning rush at 88 per cent of the Toronto public elementary schools they monitored.

The study looked at collisions, injury rates as well as parents' driving habits during a typical day.

Over a 12-year period, some 411 children in the areas studied were hit by a car within 200 metres of the school, and of those, 45 were during peak times. Of those, 29 — or 64 per cent — were rushed to hospital.

Each additional drop-off danger noted was associated with a 45 per cent increase in collision rates, the study found.

Researchers also found that children pedestrians who live in less affluent areas were more likely to be exposed to the unsafe driving. Experts say encouraging more kids to walk to school reduces the number of cars and congestion, and city officials say traffic calming measures like speed bumps can help, as do fluorescent school zone signs.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board and city are doing a pilot project with safe drop-off areas away from schools, cutting down on traffic jams and encouraging kids to walk together.

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LESSONS IN DANGEROUS DRIVING

School boards report everything from parents pulling up on sidewalks to blocking wheelchair zones. Police report that pedestrian collisions are up for children aged 4 to 12.

More findings from the study "Dangerous student cars drop-off behaviours and children pedestrian motor-vehicle collisions":

70 per cent of schools:
Parents seen dropping off their kids on the opposite side of the road, and kids jaywalking to get to the schoolyard.

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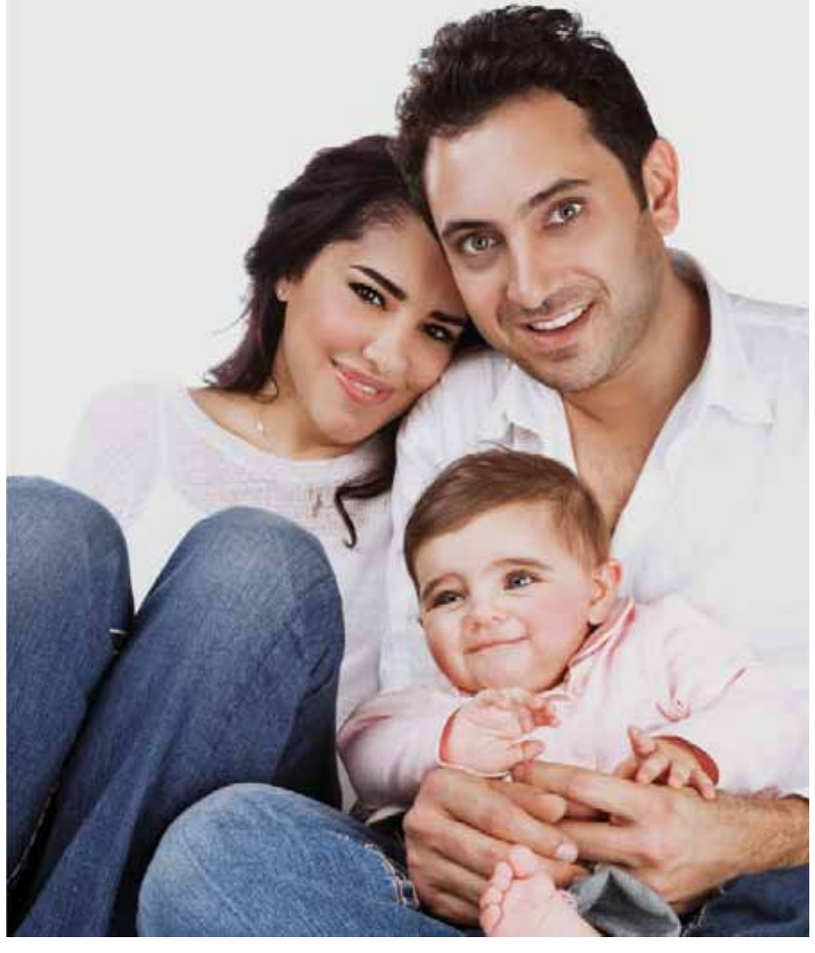

Court views training video

JAMES FORCILLO TRIAL

Police vigilance stressed in footage shown by defence

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

A police training video shown at the James Forcillo trial teaches officers to adopt a "warrior mindset" that even the law-enforcement group that made the video calls "unhealthy."

Forcillo's lawyers introduced Training to Succeed, created in 2010 by the Ontario Police Training Video Association, as evidence during his two-month trial in the shooting death of Sammy Yatim.

The video is an account of two police officers stabbed in Barrie. Over ominous music, officers and third-party experts hammer home the message that police must adopt a mindset that considers everyone a potential lethal threat.

It's the kind of rhetoric that lawyer Seth Stoughton, a former Tallahassee police officer, said leads to the overuse of lethal force.

Officers "are told that fear, vigilance — not just vigilance, hyper vigilance — is necessary for their survival," he said.

How Forcillo was trained and how that influenced what he was thinking when he shot Yatim repeatedly as he wielded a knife on an empty streetcar is a key question being considered by the jury at his murder trial. Jurors began deliberations Wednesday.

Overall, the threat posed by a knife-wielding suspect is exaggerated in modern police training, Stoughton said.

Eight police officers have been fatally stabbed since confederation in 1867, according to the Officer Down Memorial's database of police fatalities.

The Ontario Police Training Video Association has moved away from the "warrior mindset" messaging in more recent videos, choosing to focus instead on things like work-life balance and mental health, said executive director Jamie Saunders.

"Police officers, from the first day on the job, are training to view the world from a threat-based assessment," he said. "You can see how that mindset probably isn't the healthiest when it comes to everyday interactions.

"I think the trend, certainly now and over the last couple of years, has been on disengaging and backing off on the confrontation."

Police Const. James Forcillo is trailed by media as he arrives at court in Toronto on Wednesday. Forcillo is charged with second-degree murder and attempted murder in the **death of 18-year-old Sammy Yatim.** CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

PROTECT, SERVE

'Sheepdog philosophy'
Training to Succeed features an interview with retired Lt. Col. Dave Grossman, who runs the Killology research group, a U.S. police training consultant. In the video, he talks about his "sheepdog philosophy," which divides people into three groups: normal citizens who are gentle and naïve sheep, criminals who are violent wolves and police officers who are sheepdogs and must protect the sheep. Grossman urges officers not to leave home without guns.

SAMMY YATIM

Evidence the jury didn't hear

While jurors were in their windowless room, the trial exhibits — most importantly the videos — played repeatedly on courtroom screens showing the confrontation from different angles.

What was not with them was the content of many hearings held outside their presence before and during the three-month trial, including the defence theory that Sammy Yatim committed suicide-by-cop.

Less than a week into the trial, Justice Edward Then denied an initial request by the defence to put a suicide-by-cop theory before the jury, saying Yatim's state of mind is irrelevant.

During a pre-trial hearing, Peter Brauti told the court that following the Crown's case, he might seek to introduce evidence about prior drug use by Yatim, that Yatim had been previously warned by police not to carry knives and that he once "verbally threatened" a TTC driver.

The jury also did not hear that witnesses to the shooting were not permitted to testify about the risk they believed Yatim posed to Forcillo.

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IN BRIEF

Officer suspended following impaired-driving charge
A York Regional Police officer has been suspended with pay after being charged with impaired driving.

The 42-year-old officer was allegedly found driving the wrong way down Highway 400 near Barrie, just after midnight Jan. 11.

Colin Smith, of Tiny Township, is charged with impaired driving, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle and failing or refusing to comply with order to provide a breath sample. Smith, has been with the force since 2004, is scheduled to make a court appearance in Barrie on Jan. 25. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shooting in west end leaves man dead
A man is dead after a shooting in Etobicoke on Wednesday night, Toronto Paramedic Services have confirmed. Police were called to Kipling Avenue and the Kingsway at 6:30 p.m. The man was pronounced dead on scene. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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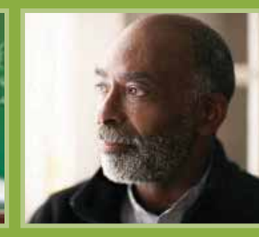

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A tender farewell to a faithful friend

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Beloved horse visits palliative care patient

Dying cancer patient Stephanie McManus snuggled up to her horse Luna outside Hamilton's Juravinski Hospital, greeted her softly with "hey, my baby girl," and gave her a kiss on the muzzle one last time.

Luna stayed close, quietly gazing at McManus.

It all happened when Luna was brought to Juravinski from Milton for a visit with McManus early Wednesday morning. The two were reunited just outside the hospital's loading dock in the back of the building, where McManus, 55, and Luna, a 10-year-old Tennessee walking horse, spent some tender moments together, with McManus gently rubbing the beast's nose and giving her treats.

McManus had been wheeled down from her palliative-care room to see Luna, who was driven in to the city from Ashblue Equestrian stables by the barn's owners. The horse's hospital visit was facilitated by a local organization called Zachary's Paws for Healing and took McManus by surprise.

"I'm overwhelmed ... There's a special bond with a horse. It's hard to give that up," she said. "She's an animal that brings joy to people's lives."

The visit was arranged by hospital officials and Zachary's Paws in less than a day, thrilling McManus to no end.

McManus, a securities lawyer and president of her company, Compliance Support Services, was diagnosed in September 2013 with multiple myeloma, an aggressive form of blood cancer. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Stephanie McManus and Luna GARY YOKOYAMA/ TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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COMPLAINT

Police battle erupts: Chief vs. ex-chairman

Nine months ago, as he introduced Mark Saunders as the unanimous choice for the next Toronto police chief, Alok Mukherjee praised the longtime officer as someone who will lead with a "spirit of co-operation."

Then the chairman of the Toronto Police Services Board, Mukherjee favourably described Saunders as someone who "likes a good argument."

One such argument erupted Wednesday between the former chairman and the chief, as Mukherjee filed a complaint about Saunders to the province's police watchdog, alleging the chief had "violated his oath of office."

In a complaint filed Wednesday to the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD), Mukherjee is alleging Saunders "deliberately" engaged in misrepresentation "with the malicious intent of damaging my reputation" in comments the chief made to the Toronto Star earlier this month, stating an op-ed piece by the ex-chairman contained "inaccurate" information.

In a separate complaint to the Ontario Civilian Police Commission, Mukherjee alleges the board did not do enough to investigate when Mukherjee brought forward his complaints about Saunders' comment earlier this month.

None of the members of the Toronto police board could be reached for comment Wednesday. Mark Pugash, spokesman for the Toronto police, said it would be inappropriate to comment on an ongoing complaint.

The OIPRD will now determine whether Mukherjee's complaints merit an investigation. Before the watchdog assigns investigators to a case, it must determine that a complaint meets certain requirements under the Police Services Act.

Mukherjee's complaints stem from a pull-no-punches article he penned for NOW magazine, in which he questioned whether Saunders and Toronto police were misrepresenting what was being done to reduce fatal encounters between police and people in mental or emotional crisis.

Following the July 2013 shooting death of teenager Sammy Yatim by Const. James Forcillo, Toronto police commissioned retired judge Frank Iacobucci to perform a review on police use of force. The retired judge made 84 recommendations to the Toronto police; last fall, the force claimed it had implemented or partially implemented 79 of them. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Alok Mukherjee MARTA IWANEK/ TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Writing contest for kids

The city has launched a writing contest to mark Black History Month.

Kids 11 to 17 are invited to write about black Torontonians who have had a lasting impact on the city's heritage and identity.

Submissions should be no more than 500 words, and they can be in any form — essay, poem, song or a basic letter.

Four finalists will read their works at the city's Black History Month reception on Feb. 23. Details are posted at Toronto.ca.

GILBERT NGABO/METRO

EMERGENCY BLAZE BREAKS OUT IN DOWNTOWN GARAGE
Large plumes of black smoke billowed through downtown at about noon Wednesday after a fire broke out on a parking garage at The Esplanade and Yonge St. The cause is being investigated, but the building's developers said sparks caused by welding might have been the culprit. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

A way out of the sex trade

TRAFFICKING

Campaign aimed at need for housing and education

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Covenant House has launched a $10-million fundraising campaign to support young girls and women who have been trafficked in Toronto's sex trade.

The centerpiece of the plan is Rogers Home, which provides transitional housing and crisis beds for women who've been victims of sex trafficking.

It will also include an educational campaign targeting adults — such as taxi drivers and hotel staff — who often unknowingly interact with women who are being trafficked.

A second educational campaign, which will be wrapped into Covenant House's existing work in schools, will focus on 11- and 12-year-olds in a bid to make sure they know how to avoid becoming victims.

In the past two years, police have investigated 319 cases of sex trafficking, arrested more than 120 pimps and laid 828 charges, Toronto police sex crimes investigator Joanna Beaven-Desjardins said. There are still far more cases that police don't know about, she noted.

Covenant House has helped trafficking victims through the shelter for years, executive director Bruce Rivers said. But, he said, there's a need for supportive housing, separate from the main shelter to help victims recover.

Cassandra Diamond, who was trafficked in the sex trade, said Covenant House offers the support that young girls and women need to reclaim their lives.

"I managed to leave my situation on my own," she said. "But I was very fortunate to have a family that had taken me in. They were caring and I needed that housing piece to get where I am today."

HOW TO HELP

The Covenant House's Just Like a Girl You Know campaign has already raised $6.5 million. To help, visit covenanthousetoronto.ca

INFRASTRUCTURE

New plan for Scarborough transit on the way

A new proposal for transit in Scarborough is being hailed as defensible planning while brokering a "peace treaty" at city council and with the province.

A one-stop subway extension from the Bloor-Danforth line along McCowan Road to Scarborough's city centre and the addition of a 17-stop LRT that will connect five underserved priority neighbourhoods all within the same $3.56-billion price tag will be officially announced Thursday ahead of executive committee next week.

After the Scarborough subway extension became one of the most polarizing issues at council in recent memory — with former mayor Rob Ford and Scarborough-area politicians arguing residents "deserve" a subway over a seven-stop, $1.48-billion LRT that was fully-funded by the province — council members from both sides agree the new plan is a vast improvement.

"My job here, I believe, is to get the best possible transit answer I can for Scarborough and I think we've really made huge strides forward in that regard by getting now both a subway to the centre of Scarborough and the LRT, and to build enough consensus to make sure it happens," Mayor John Tory told Torstar News Service Wednesday.

"It's going to develop a much broader base of support, it's going to be much better from a transit perspective, it has the support of the chief planner … and I think it's going to be way better for Scarborough."

The plan acknowledges Scarborough residents needs rapid transit in place of the aging SRT — not only to get downtown, but to get around Scarborough. The new configuration was developed after chief planner Jennifer Keesmaat approached the mayor's office in October as criticism toward the controversial three-stop subway intensified.

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Faces of Goodwill

Gilbert Ngabo
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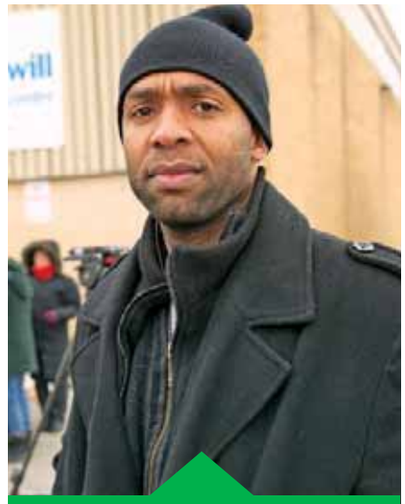
Goodwill employees were back at the charity's office Wednesday to express their anger and frustration to their former employer, while conveying their desperation about their situation. They called for CEO Keiko Nakamura not only to pay them for their work, but also to step down. Here are some faces.

James Nickle
The chief steward of the workers' union has been a Goodwill truck driver for the past six years. "I'm pissed," he said bluntly. He's worried about the well-being of his family — a wife and two kids — as well as that of other workers.

Kausar Ameud
Losing her job makes Ameud worry about her daughter, who depends on her salary, and also her own health and the loss of benefits. She suffers from diabetes and knows she won't be able to afford medication.

Raphelia Debique
The grandmother of two has been sorting donations for the charity for nine years. She has six members of her family under the same roof in Scarborough and is worried she may not even get paid for hours already worked.



Shane Clarke
The 35-year-old resident of Scarborough has worked for Goodwill for 16 years, most recently as a truck driver. The father of a three-year-old son is especially mad that Goodwill management won't speak to employees.

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SURVEY

Canada ranked world's second-best country

The annual schmooze-fest of the rich, powerful, famous and their courtiers in Davos, Switzerland, has already produced splendid news for Canada: We're No. 2 in a new ranking of the best countries in the world.

Released at the World Economic Forum, the survey rated 60 countries across 24 categories.

Germany was first, Canada second, the United Kingdom third, the United States fourth and Sweden fifth.

The survey was prepared by U.S. News and World Report, the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of business and global brand consultants BAV Consulting

Canada, the survey said, welcomes immigrants and celebrates diversity, draws some of its national identity from its expansive wilderness, has produced a long list of accomplished writers and artists, and is a high-tech industrial society with a high standard of living.

Former prime minister Brian Mulroney will be pleased to see a nod to the trade agreements of the '80s and '90s that the survey said dramatically bolstered trade with the United States.

"While the service sector is Canada's biggest economic driver, the country is a significant exporter of energy, food and minerals," it said. "Canada ranks third in the world in proven oil reserves and is the world's fifth largest oil producer."

Canadian challenges, it said, are "the concerns of indigenous people" and the perennial matter of relations between Quebec and the rest of the country.

"While constitutional guarantees allow the province wide-ranging cultural and linguistic autonomy, movements for complete independence come in waves."

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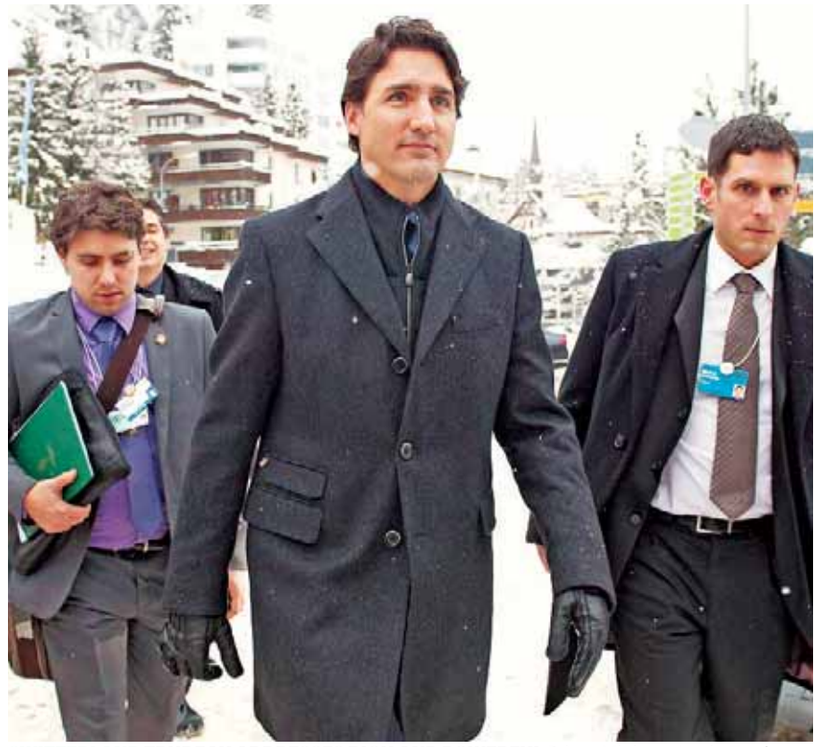

SWITZERLAND TRUDEAU ADDRESSES RICH AND POWERFUL Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, accompanied by staff members, walks through town as he heads to a bilateral meeting in Davos, Switzerland, on Wednesday. Trudeau is attending the World Economic Forum where political, business and social leaders gather to discuss world agendas. Trudeau's keynote address at the World Economic Forum framed Canada as a safe place to invest amid global economic uncertainty. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MONTREAL

Factory drawing refugees

When Syrian refugee Garouj Nazarian is asked how he likes working for his boss, the answer comes in choppy English — but the sentiment shines through.

"So much good," he says with a big smile, offering a thumbs-up to emphasize his joy.

Nazarian, who's been in Canada for about a year, has been working for six months at a Montreal plywood factory owned by Levon Afeyan, who fled Lebanon's civil war with his parents and two brothers in 1975.

Nazarian is one of 12 Syrian refugees among 80 employees and Afeyan intends to hire more as Canada opens its borders to thousands of people fleeing the Assad regime and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. Essential to feeling Canadian, Afeyan adds, is to start speaking English and, particularly in Quebec, French.

Starting in March, a teacher subsidized by the Quebec government will offer French lessons twice a week for free — inside his factory. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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IN BRIEF

Steam Whistle won't be pegged with Alberta fees

Toronto's Steam Whistle Brewing is not paying the increased mark-ups to sell in Alberta after a provincial court judge ordered a temporary injunction against the fees. Alberta's NDP government increased fees on beer from craft brewers outside the New West Partnership — which included Steam Whistle — in it's October budget. METRO STAFF

Dozens of families affected by no-fly list difficulties

The whirlwind of publicity about six-year-old Syed Adam Ahmed's difficulty at the airport has prompted 21 families with similar stories to contact Khadija Cajee, the boy's mother. Cajee has recently sent a letter to federal cabinet ministers involved in the high-profile issue.

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Charity audits persist

The Liberal government says it is winding down a controversial Conservative program of political-activity audits on charities. Twenty-four audits will continue in an effort to address any serious deficiencies.

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ECONOMY

No threat of Ontario debt crisis: Expert

Amid all of Canada's bleak economic news, there may be a glimmer of hope about Ontario's massive provincial debt.

A new report on the province's fiscal situation to be released Thursday concludes the long-term outlook is less grim than critics have feared thanks largely to historically low interest rates and a growing Ontario economy.

"Despite some concerns about the level of Ontario's debt, the province isn't anywhere close to hitting a debt wall," said Sheila Block, senior economist with the left-leaning Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

39.4%

Ontario's debt-to-GDP ratio in 2014-15. Without changes to accounting rules, it would have been 35.9%.

Block, author of the 20-page study, "No Crisis on the Horizon: Ontario Debt, 1990-2015," noted as Premier Kathleen Wynne's Liberals prepare a spring budget their focus should not be eliminating the deficit by 2017-18.

"The Wynne government was elected with an activist mandate, yet it has always allowed concerns about debt and deficits to hamstring that agenda," the economist wrote, pointing to the "questionable" sale of a majority stake in Hydro One to bankroll transportation infrastructure and the Liberals' reticence toward raising taxes to generate revenue.

To bolster her contention that Ontario's debt — currently about $295 billion — is manageable, Block looked at its ratio to the province's gross domestic product over the past 25 years.

She also factored in that during that time the stranded residual debt of the old Ontario Hydro, and the broader public sector debt from schools boards, colleges and hospitals was also added to the province's tally.

"Part of the debt increase is due to the changes in accounting rules, not a result of profligate public spending (which is, per capita, the lowest in Canada)," Block wrote.

"There is a continued appetite in financial markets for Ontario debt. That means that financial markets expect it will be repaid and that the provincial government is not approaching a debt wall," she added. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Relatives of the 2014 Peshawar school attack victims pray during a candlelight ceremony for the victims of the Bacha Khan University in Peshawar on Wednesday. **It's estimated that 23 people were wounded, in addition to the 20 victims who lost their lives.** AFP/GETTY IMAGES

20 killed in attack on Pakistan school

TERRORISM

Concerns rise over whether police can protect state

Once again, Islamic militants stormed a school in northeastern Pakistan in a deadly attack that lasted for hours. And once again, the blood of students and teachers stained classrooms and hallways, raising questions about whether security forces can protect the country's educational institutions.

At least 20 people were killed and 23 were wounded Wednesday in the assault at Bacha Khan University in Charsadda before the four gunmen were slain and the military declared an end to the siege. Two teachers were among the dead, including a chemistry professor who was praised as a hero for shooting back at the attackers and allowing some students to escape.

The university attack was grimly reminiscent of the December 2014 massacre at an army public school in Peshawar that killed 150, mostly children.

The violence shows how vulnerable schools remain in Pakistan, where extremists have sought to prevent Western-style education, especially for girls. Teenager Malala Yousafzai was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize after she was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman in 2012 because of her support for gender equality and education for girls.

Last weekend, several schools were closed after intelligence suggested militants were planning an attack, according to Muhammed Amir Rana, director of the private Pakistan Institute for Peace Studies. A spokesman for the provincial government said schools were closed as part of a security drill. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONDEMNATION

A breakaway Taliban faction led by Khalifa Umar Mansoor said it had carried out the attack. But a statement emailed to news organizations by Muhammad Khorasani, the spokesman for the Tehrik-e-Taliban, the largest Taliban group, said: "We disown, condemn the attack and term it as un-Islamic."

SCIENCE

Research points to giant 9th planet at solar system's edge

The solar system may have a ninth planet after all.

This one is 5,000 times bigger than outcast Pluto and billions of miles farther away, say scientists who presented "good evidence" for a long-hypothesized Planet X on Wednesday.

The gas giant is thought to be almost as big as its nearest planetary neighbour Neptune, quite possibly with rings and moons. It's so distant that it would take a mind-blowing 10,000 to 20,000 years to circle the sun.

Planet 9, as the pair of California Institute of Technology researchers calls it, hasn't been spotted yet. They base their prediction on mathematical and computer modeling, and anticipate its discovery via telescope within five years or less.

The two reported their research Wednesday in the Astronomical Journal because they want people to help them look for it.

"We could have stayed quiet and quietly spent the next five years searching the skies ourselves and hoping to find it. But I would rather somebody find it sooner, than me find it later," astronomer Mike Brown, the so-called Pluto killer who helped lead the charge against Pluto's planetary status in 2006. Once Planet 9, Pluto is now officially considered a dwarf planet.

Brown and planetary scientist Konstantin Batygin feel certain about their prediction, which at first seemed unbelievable to even them.

"For the first time in more than 150 years, there's good evidence that the planetary census of the solar system is incomplete," Batygin said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This rendering shows the distant view from Planet Nine back towards the sun. It's thought to be gaseous, similar to Neptune. COURTESY OF CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Five planets to be viewable across southern sky

People talk about the planets aligning, but have you seen real ones do it? If the weather is clear over the coming month, early risers will be able to view Mercury, Venus, Saturn, Mars and Jupiter with the naked eye, across the southern sky. NASA says the phenomenon — visible this week until Feb. 20 — happens every few years when the planets orbit on the same side of the Sun. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Millennials like being own boss

WORK TRENDS

Many prefer a business to traditional workplace

Priya Dhillon, a 33-year-old with a PhD in molecular biology, has her sights set on something a lot less scientific: to own an A&W franchise.

The concept is closer to becoming a reality for her now that the Canadian burger giant is actively recruiting and helping millennials scoop up new franchises planned for urban locations, starting with Toronto.

Dhillon represents a predominant entrepreneurial trend among Canadian millennials, many of whom say they would rather be self-employed than have a traditional workplace with a boss hovering over them.

Based on a recent poll of 5,800 participants in 10 countries, media agency network ZenithOptimedia found global consumers aged 18 to 34 have a "fundamentally different approach" to achieving happiness compared to previous generations.

While baby boomers in their youth were defined as idealists with a free-spirit vibe, millennials seek to gain much more control over their lives to obtain happiness, it found.

"Most millennials told us they valued the freedom and flexibility of new ways of working. Inspired by their peers, including tech entrepreneurs like (Facebook founder) Mark Zuckerberg, many see running a business they are passionate about as their ultimate goal," says the Pursuit of Happiness study.

Another survey from Intuit shows that one quarter of millennial-age entrepreneurs have never held a full-time job prior to starting out on their own — nearly three times more than entrepreneurs ages 35-54.

"They want to feel empowerment," explains Rob King, director of small business at e-commerce software firm Intuit Canada. "They don't want to work 9-to-5 and they're not as risk averse as others. Plus technology is moving really fast, so they can do a startup out of their basement," he notes.

Seventy-one per cent run their businesses from a smartphone while one-quarter do so from a tablet, says the survey on the new generation of entrepreneurs.

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> **They don't want to work 9-to-5 and they're not as risk averse as others.**
> Rob King, director of small business, Intuit Canada

Priya Dhillon, a millennial who is part of the leadership team in a multi-unit restaurant business owned by her parents in the GTA, photographed at an A&W in Toronto. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

QUEBEC

Natural gas from yogurt

A town in southern Quebec is changing the way it looks at yogurt.

Saint-Hyacinthe signed an agreement with Yoplait Liberté last week to transform expired and unusable yogurt into natural gas that it says will be able to heat municipal buildings and power a fleet of city-owned vehicles.

Brigitte Massé, the city's communications director, said a total of 6,500 metric tones of yogurt will be transformed over the course of one year into 375,000 cubic metres of natural gas at a city-run biomethanation facility.

Biomethanation is a process through which organic matter and waste is converted into gas after being heated at high temperatures.

"The production of that 6,500 cubic metres of yogurt will allow us to heat our two largest arenas and aquatics centre in Saint-Hyacinthe for a year with natural gas," Massé said Wednesday.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON THE POSTMEDIA MELTDOWN

“Canada’s news media is undergoing the biggest journalistic fire sale of its history. It is happening under the nose of a political class that is, for the most part, content to look the other way.

Under the guise of a migration to the digital world, Canada’s news media is undergoing the biggest journalistic fire sale of its history. It is taking place on such a scale that it might be more appropriate to call it a liquidation of information-gathering resources, and it is happening under the nose of a political class that is, for the most part, content to look the other way.

Just last week, some columnists were debating whether Ottawa lacked the gravitas one would normally associate with the capital of a G7 country. Detractors of the city that is home to Parliament will soon be able to add soulless newspapers to the list of its alleged shortcomings.

On Tuesday, Postmedia announced that the main print outlets of four of the country’s major cities — including the nation’s capital — will merge their newsrooms.

In Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Ottawa, the same journalists will report to both the Postmedia and the Sun papers, with their work to be rewritten by editors to suit the style of each outlet.

For more than 100 years, La Presse was known as the largest French-language daily in North America. Since Jan. 1, it is no longer available in print except on Saturday.

The paper’s owners are gambling that as its readership moves over to its tablet edition, their bottom line will improve. But the jury is out as to what toll, if any, the shift will take on the quality and breadth of the province’s public conversation.

A less informed electorate is more easily manipulated and less engaged.

The parliamentary press gallery is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. Its make-up is a lot more diverse than when I first joined it a few decades ago.

But when it comes to reflecting Canada’s regional diversity, the trend has gone the other way with many regional news organizations leaving the Hill, and with other outlets coming to rely on skeleton crews. In the Star’s Parliament Hill bureau, there are more empty desks than actual bodies these days.

The print media is not the only casualty of this ongoing meltdown.

Mainstream commercial networks are struggling to adapt to digital viewing habits of their audience — leaving less money to devote to their news coverage. After decades of budget cuts, Radio-Canada and the CBC are shadows of their former selves.

So far, the reaction of Canada’s political class has mostly ranged from indifference to public hand-wringing. On Twitter on Tuesday, the mayors of the cities involved in the cuts expressed regrets at the news. So did Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

But there must be a point when the steady disintegration of the country’s fourth estate’s news-gathering and news-getting functions becomes a public-policy issue.

There will be some to actually rejoice in the notion that a shrunk news media will have less potential for digging out embarrassing stories. The corruption inquiry in Quebec and the sponsorship scandal on Parliament Hill both had their source in persistent journalism.

Less short-sighted politicians may consider that they are ignoring this crisis at their own peril. A less informed electorate is more easily manipulated and less engaged. And at a time when parties are toying with notions such as compulsory voting and more participatory democracy, is the decline in political literacy that stands to result from an impoverished information environment a desirable outcome?

On the heels of a three-year study of the Canadian media landscape in 2006, a Senate committee warned that Canada was tolerating a concentration of media ownership that most other countries would find worrisome. And it noted that the consistent depletion of these resources of the country’s public broadcaster compounded the problem.

Some take solace in the notion that Trudeau’s government is committed to reinvesting in the CBC. But a news environment dominated by one media organization — even the public broadcaster — does not amount to a healthy one.

In any event, what followed the Senate report was a decade of laissez-faire that often saw owners sympathetic to the government of the day given free rein over larger media empires, combined with ever-closer-to-the-bone cuts to the CBC.

What we have today is a weaker public broadcaster in a field of journalistic ruins, and Canada’s national fabric is the poorer for it.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

THE MICROTREND: Printing your pregnancy

Can’t wait to meet your bundle of joy? Well then — don’t. Some companies have taken 3D ultrasound imaging to the logical next level: they’ve started offering 3D-printed fetus replicas to expectant families. And although the idea is off-putting to some (nine weeks into pregnancy, the printout looks somewhat ... reptilian), it’s proving popular with U.K. parents. The technology had already been used to help blind mums-to-be who can’t view an ultrasound image to “see” their child. But now it’s gaining broad appeal, despite the price tag of around $800 Canadian. A tasteful figurine of just your baby’s face and hands, however, is a mere $360 — and the once-before-a-lifetime moment will never come around again. SOURCE: THE GUARDIAN, PHOTO: WOLFPRINT

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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Finding the line between feminist and sensitive snowflake

John Mellish, a 55-year-old P.E.I man, knows his media ropes.

“You’re not live, are you?” he asked when I called. A few radio shock jocks in the central U.S. had gotten to him first. So had about 25 reporters. He hasn’t turned down an interview, because talking to media fits with his plan.

“I guess it’s obvious,” I said. “I’m calling about the sign.”

John and his wife Ursula run a used-car business, Mellish Motors, and the dealership’s roadside sign has a local reputation for witticisms.

Last Christmas, it was a line about not complaining about the holidays, since “We were already fat in August.” “Not everyone shares my sense of humour,” John acknowledged.

Then last week, it held this: “Women are like snowflakes. They can’t drive.”

“It’s stupid but it’s cute” was John’s assessment. (His wife and daughter, he noted, have perfect driving records.)

But Chelsea Ling didn’t laugh. She snapped a photo of the sign and posted it to Facebook with the tag: “Well PEI friends...”

It spread quickly, garnering comments, shares and media coverage that snowballed after the Mellishes posted two more signs: “Sensitive women don’t read this sign” and “Attention drama queens, auditions for today have been cancelled.”

There was also backlash. Someone called John to threaten his life, he told the Toronto Star. On Facebook, Ling said she’s received death and rape threats.

All this controversy is not accidental. The Mellishes and Ling both actively stoked debate — if to different ends. John doesn’t use social media, but he understood as well as Ling its potential power to make private passions public. As a tool, it’s almost a given.

Ling wrote that her goal was to spark discussion about what she saw as unacceptable comments about women.

When Ursula and John followed up about the snowflakes sign, they were expecting personal attacks in order to highlight online negativity. If people were more aware of the consequences, “They might think twice before posting something about a friend or a business owner or a contractor,” John said.

Both sides have been using the media to spread their message — about sexism and what’s funny, and hate and filth on social media. Now, Ling wants to talk with John, “about all of this crazy,” she wrote. Meanwhile, the Mellishes are winding up for more backlash. Yesterday, the sign read: “Sensitive men don’t look at tomorrow’s sign!”

“You can phone back tomorrow,” John offered, “and update on that.”

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"I'm not running away from Vogue. But it will be nice to collaborate. I'm certainly not going into retirement."
GRACE CODDINGTON ON RESIGNING FROM HER NEARLY 30-YEAR TENURE AS CREATIVE DIRECTOR OF VOGUE

Fairey art

Famed street artist Shepard Fairey has left his mark around the world. The book, Covert to Overt, compiles all the Obey founder's work since 2010 — two years after his HOPE piece played a role in Barack Obama's presidential campaign.

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Our Fairey City

Toronto was the last stop on Fairey's seven-city mural tour in 2014, with the above mounted at the intersection of Queen Street and Denison Avenue. At the time, Fairey wrote about how much he loved touring the neighbourhood — and the "euphoria" he felt buying a box set of Dead Kennedys singles.

Power and Imperial Glory

In collaboration with printer Jo Watanabe, Fairey drew inspiration from American pop artist Roy Lichtenstein for this pair of large-format prints. The artist has said the latter creation was a comment on the U.S. military industrial complex.

Peace Elephant Mural

This sprawling display decorating the West Hollywood Library was more than 10 times the size of any wall Fairey had painted to that point. Given less than a week to execute the design, Fairey's crew worked 12 to 16 hours per day to complete the work.

Centrefold

Fairey initially blasted his portraits of Fugazi frontman Ian MacKaye and former Black Flag howler Henry Rollins as a massive mural of punk icons in Asbury Park, N.J. The other image, of course, memorializes late Run-D.M.C. DJ Jam Master Jay.

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RESEARCH

Fairy tales are as old as time — well nearly

Fairy tales such as Beauty and the Beast are much older than previously thought and are actually thousands of years old, academics found in research published Wednesday.

Their analysis indicates that Beauty and the Beast and Rumpelstiltskin are around 4,000 years old while Jack And The Beanstalk can be traced back more than 5,000 years.

Anthropologist Jamie Tehrani from Britain's Durham University and folklorist Sara Graca da Silva of New University Lisbon used techniques initally used in biology to study 275 Indo-European stories.

Their findings suggest folk tales existed in oral tradition long before they were put down in writing. This backs up a theory put forward by one of the most famous fairy tale tellers in history, Wilhelm Grimm of the 19th century Brothers Grimm.

"Our results support Grimm's view and suggest that a substantial number of tales have existed in Indo-European oral traditions long before they were first written down" Da Silva said.

The research appeared in the journal Royal Society Open Science. AFP

The Brothers Grimm have said that their fairy tales existed long before they were put in writing. AFP

The productivity experiment

Chris Bailey, pictured here, author of The Productivity Project, writes you may want to cut back on checking email and reaching for that third cup of coffee if you want to be more productive. THE CANADIAN PRESS/CHRIS YOUNG

NEW BOOK

A tale of one man's quest to accomplish more in the day

Is there one sure-fire strategy to maximize your time and energy in a given day?

Chris Bailey was so determined to find out that he turned down two lucrative job offers and devoted a year of his life to a quest for the holy grail of productivity.

In addition to his research and interviews with leading experts, the business school graduate used himself as the test subject in a series of experiments.

Bailey lived in isolation for 10 days, worked 90-hour weeks and gained 10 pounds of muscle mass.

He documented the experiments on his blog and then compiled the upsides and pitfalls of his pursuits in the book The Productivity Project (Random House Canada).

Bailey said there is no one-size-fits-all strategy for increased productivity. He learned that firsthand when the habitually late riser forced himself to wake up at 5:30 a.m. for three months.

"It didn't work for me, and I accomplished less in that experiment than I would have otherwise," Bailey said during a recent interview in Toronto.

"I had to go to bed when I had the most energy, when I was the most productive — because I don't view productivity as how much we produce, I view productivity as how much we accomplish. The best way I found to do that while doing my project was by managing our time, our attention and our energy."

Bailey also tried drinking only water for an entire month and found he had more energy than he had in years.

While he still drinks caffeine and said it can offer productivity benefits, he added that people should be smarter about their consumption habits and not continuously rely on the stimulant.

"Being able to find that energy boost whenever you need it, when you have something important you're working on ... is something huge that you can do."

Bailey writes in his book about the benefits of assessing your Biological Prime Time (BPT) for performing one's highest-impact tasks.

"It's during your peak energy hours that you're able to bring more to whatever it is that you're doing, so that you can spend your energy wisely, in addition to spending your time wisely if you have the flexibility to do so."

A strategy Bailey has maintained is to unplug from digital devices from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. He also suggested shrinking "support tasks" that can consume considerable time, like answering emails.

"If you check them every hour — even for 12 hours — over the course of the day, that's still 12 times a day and more than enough time to keep on top of everything that you have to do."

Bailey said among the best tactics for him were those that allowed him to work "more deliberately and with intention."

"When we have more work to do than the time to do it in, it becomes crucial that we take that step back to figure out what's important," he said.

"When you only work on auto-pilot in response to whatever tasks get sent your way ... other people have control over your work."

Another of his favoured approaches is "the rule of three"— looking ahead to the end of the day to determine which three things you'd like to accomplish.

"On days where you have a ton of meetings, maybe those meetings are what you intend to accomplish — or maybe they limit what you intend to accomplish.

"Just taking that step back is something huge someone can do for their productivity."

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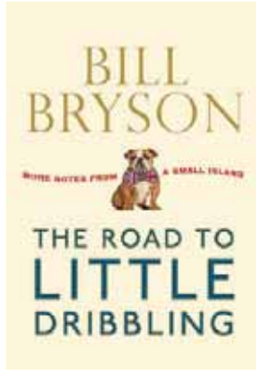

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Bill Bryson loves Britain. Really. The Iowa-born writer, who takes an affectionate if sometimes exasperated look at his adopted country in The Road to Little Dribbling, cherishes Britain's landscape, its history, its architectural heritage, its people. He's not so keen on its reality: TV shows, its litter and — this is a shock — its beer.

With a touch of embarrassment, Bryson admits that he is no fan of real ale, the cask-conditioned beer that for many is iconically English.

"I would rather have a cold, golden, fizzy glass of lager," he said. Despite this cultural faux pas, Bryson is Britain's favourite American, a cuddly-curmudgeonly national uncle.

Bryson first wrote about Britain two decades ago in Notes From a Small Island. At the time, he worried about how British readers would react to an outsider's gentle ribbing. He needn't have feared. In a 2003 poll for World Book Day, Notes was voted the book that best represents England.

"I've always argued that the British are very good at laughing at themselves," said Bryson, whose voice retains a Midwestern accent after 40 years in the U.K. "It's one of their cardinal virtues. ... You can tease them remorselessly as long as they know it's done with a certain amount of affection and understanding."

In the new book — available now through Doubleday Canada — humour is tempered by exasperation at modern-day annoyances including rudeness, neglect, smartphone addicts and Z-list celebrities.

That has prompted some allegations of grumpiness in the British press. Daily Mail columnist Janet Street Porter accused Bryson of "simmering anger and patronizing disdain."

Bryson stresses that many of the things that infuriate him are not unique to Britain. Partly it's age. He's 64 now, and says some aspects of popular culture perplex him. That gives The Road to Little Dribbling a slightly melancholy edge, as Bryson meanders from England's south coast to the far north of Scotland. He visits wealthy suburbs, depressed seaside towns, rolling countryside, wild coastlines, famous attractions, quirky museums and crumbling stately homes. He still finds plenty to like, and his quips are still very funny.

Bryson, who recently became a British citizen, is grateful to a country that has "been extremely kind to me in ways that are just often kind of ridiculous."

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The British are very good at laughing at themselves.

Bill Bryson, author

Muslim protagonist fleshes out Khan's books

MYSTERY

Fully-formed characters offer complex look at culture

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

Every time mystery writer Ausma Zehanat Khan crosses the border, leaving her adopted home of Denver heading back into Canada for a family visit, she is always aware of her status as a Muslim woman. And whenever she turns on the news, especially during this particularly hostile American election, she is reminded how vitriolic public discussion around the Muslim community can be.

"So much of that discourse is very ill-informed and uneducated on issues about what Muslims are about, what the Muslim faith is about. It's important for me to speak back to that a little bit with my characters and the stories that I'm telling," Khan says.

"I don't really consider it an agenda, but it's my experience that I'm writing about. It's about what I know, the communities that form my reality and the reality of so many people that I know."

Khan, who has her Ph.D. in international human-rights law, specializing in military intervention and war crimes in the Balkans, drew on her expertise and background for her first novel, The Unquiet Dead (Minotaur Books), a mystery-thriller connected to the 1995 Srebrenica genocide. It was here she introduced her protagonist, the Toronto-based Muslim detective Esa Khattak and his partner, Rachel Getty, a no-nonsense hockey-playing cop who plays the perfect foil to elegantly handsome Khattak.

Khan brings history, poetry, politics to her mystery novel.

The detectives return for Khan's new murder-mystery, The Language of Secrets, which was inspired by another true crime: the arrest of the Toronto 18, an ill-prepared group of terrorists whose plans to bomb Parliament Hill was thwarted by the RCMP and CSIS in 2006.

To prepare for the book, Khan researched Islamic history and politics, jihadist websites and stacks of police materials. She also had in-house help: her husband is an expert on Islam and politics. "He's a great resource to go to and hear all the different sides of the story," Khan says.

While jihadist terrorists have become easy go-to villains, Khan believes her books stand out because there are still few fully formed Muslim characters like Khattak to be found, especially within crime-thrillers. The Language of Secrets is also rare in the genre because of the poetry that flows through it. From recitals of classical works to slam poetry nights, it is present throughout her story, which Khan says comes from her upbringing as the daughter of two Pakistani-Canadians who hosted recitals at their house.

Khan's love of the tradition continued when she attended University of Toronto, and would find herself in the stacks of Robarts Library, looking up titles in translation.

Beyond wanting to celebrate and share Eastern art, Khan had another personal reason for incorporating poetry into a whodunit murder. She says, "If you look at Arab or Persian traditions, you'll see poetry is very much at their heart. I thought a very beautiful way to temper the ugliness of the jihadist ideology is also to express the beauty of those traditions."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

PARENTING

Dr. and dad blasts contemporary parenting trends

Dr. Leonard Sax has been a family physician and psychologist for 27 years, conducting workshops around the world for parents, teachers, social workers, counsellors, school psychologists and juvenile justice professionals.

He's also a dad, and it's from all those perspectives that he took on his fourth book, an alarm bell of sorts titled, The Collapse of Parenting, out recently from Basic Books.

Sax, who lives in Exton, Pennsylvania, argues that American families are facing a crisis of authority, where the kids are in charge, out of shape emotionally and physically, and suffering because of it. He calls for a reordering of family life in response.

What is the book really about?

The transfer of authority from parents to kids. I think you should treat kids like grown-ups. I think you should expect them to be mature and to behave, and I think that's what it means to treat someone like a grown-up, among other things, although the phrase to treat someone like a grown-up is ambiguous. It's not about the abdication of authority.

What types of things can parents do to help a child or teen become a fulfilled adult?

The first thing is to teach humility, which is now the most un-American of virtues. When I meet with kids I ask them what they think it is and they literally have no idea. I've done that from third grade through 12th grade. The high school kids are more clueless than the third-graders. They have been indoctrinated in their own awesomeness with no understanding of how this culture of bloated self-esteem leads to resentment. I see it.

The second thing is to enjoy the time with your child. Don't multitask. Get outdoors with your child.

The last thing: Teach the meaning of life. It cannot be just about getting a good job. It's not just about achievement. It's about who you are as a human being. You must have an answer.

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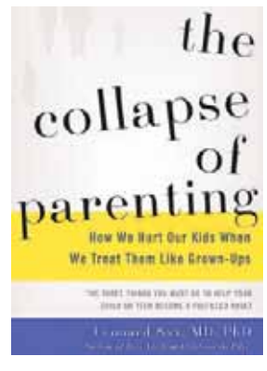

BOOK BRIEFS

Canada Reads names panel

Olympian Clara Hughes and retired pro wrestler/actor Adam Copeland are among the celebrity panellists for Canada Reads. Actor Vinay Virmani, social entrepreneur Farah Mohamed and entrepreneur Bruce Poon Tip are also named. Each panellist will speak in support of a different book before agreeing on a winner. Wab Kinew will host the program, which will air on CBC Radio One, CBC-TV and online at CBCbooks.ca, from March 21 to 24. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Lure, a movie about flesh-eating mermaids working as nightclub singers, is competing in the World Cinema Dramatic Competition at the Park City, Utah film fest. CONTRIBUTED

Sundance features fearless directors

FILM FESTIVAL

Audiences may be shocked by programming lineup

Shock and awe is coming to the Sundance Film Festival, Robert Redford's annual celebration of indie cinema, which begins Thursday in Park City, Utah.

Movies seeking audience gasps as well as applause include Swiss Army Man, a bromance between a man and a corpse starring Paul Dano and Daniel Radcliffe.

There's also The Lure, a musical about a pair of pop-star mermaids who are hungry for love and also human flesh. And speaking of unusual pairs, there are two films, Christine and Kate Does Christine, one a drama and the other a documentary, that investigate the mysterious 1974 on-air suicide of a Florida TV newscaster.

Then there's Operation Avalanche, by Toronto's Matt Johnson (The Dirties), a conspiracy movie about the Apollo 11 moon landing that threatens to rewrite history and possibly enrage scientists, space freaks and American patriots.

These and other attention grabbers are amongst the 123 features and 72 shorts Sundance will screen from Jan. 21 to 31, many of them world premieres.

Scary movies have long been associated with the Sundance: The Blair Witch Project, Saw, The Babadook and The Witch all earned their first shrieks in Park City.

For the most part, such films have been safely confined to Sundance's Midnight program, which is similar to TIFF's popular Midnight Madness slate. This year it seems they're populating the more mainstream sections, including the dramatic and documentary competitions.

"It's true!" says Sundance festival director John Cooper, in an interview from his L.A. office before leaving for Park City.

"I think this fearlessness is coming from the filmmakers themselves. They're not worrying so much about the end success of their films, because so many of them get picked up to go on a platform that's not even theatrical, more and more. They know that audiences are just going to find them.

"They're just not afraid to take crazy chances. This is what's in their brains and in their hearts and in their passion to tell as a story, and they're doing it without worry." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Maybe change this show's name to Crybaby Cop

THE SHOW: Shades of Blue, Season 1, Episode 2 (Global/NBC)
THE MOMENT: The Crying

Weeping on demand for her role in Shades of Blue. CONTRIBUTED

In her boss's bathroom, New York City policewoman Harlee Santos (Jennifer Lopez) talks by phone to her 16-year-old, Christina. Harlee just learned that Christina has snuck off to a nightclub.

"Don't drive with someone who's been drinking," Harlee says. Her eyes fill with tears. Christina can't hear her, but Harlee keeps talking anyway. "Be true to yourself," she says, crying openly now. "Someday you'll have a daughter, and she'll be the best part of your life." She slumps against the sink, overcome.

Okay, Harlee is under pressure. She, her boss Matt (Ray Liotta, scary), and their crew take bribes. The FBI caught her and made her turn rat. Matt is about to give her a polygraph. If this were the first time Harlee wept, we'd understand.

But this is episode two, and already Harlee has wept — copiously — many times. She wept in the opening scene of episode one. She wept at her daughter's school concert. She wept when the FBI caught her. So free and frequent is her weeping, this show should be called Crybaby Cop. Or maybe Shades of Boo-Hoo.

Eyes-filling-with-tears is a handy acting skill, and Lopez is clearly eager to show hers off. She also looks pretty when she cries, unlike, say, me. But given that Harlee is supposed to be a hardened, hard-ass cop, I find her crying off-putting. Did she weep during drills at the academy?

Not since Claire Danes in Homeland has an allegedly professional woman been so easily overcome on the job. Nut up, Harlee.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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Briar Hill City Towns

Project overview

A well-established, family-friendly neighbourhood, Briar Hill City Towns will consist of six, four-storey buildings comprised of 124 residential units and two commercial units. The community will feature landscaped courtyards with walkways.

Location and transit

Situated at Dufferin St. and Briar Hill Ave., the towns are within walking distance of Glencairn subway station, and the future Eglinton Crosstown LRT. It's a quick jaunt to Allen Road and the 401 Expressway.

In the neighbourhood

There are plenty of retail choices at the nearby Yorkdale Shopping Centre. The southwest corner of the development site currently contains a playground that will be retained as a public park once the project is complete.

Housing Amenities

The towns feature an indoor amenity area with multipurpose party room, office and kitchenette. Residents will also have access to a patio and outdoor amenity area. There's private storage as well as bicycle storage located in the underground parking level. DUNCAN MCALLISTER/FOR METRO

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BILD

Combatting underground economy

Bryan Tuckey
For Metro Canada

Homeowners who choose to do cash under the table deals when renovating or building a home are taking a big risk that can lead to pricey liability issues.

Often business owners who offer such deals aren't carrying worker protection or liability insurance and likely aren't paying taxes.

Such illegal business practices are not only found in the residential construction industry, but across many industries in Ontario and Canada. According to Statistics Canada, the nation's underground economy accounts for $42.4 billion in annual economic activity — 2.3 per cent of the GDP — and in Ontario alone illegitimate transactions amount to an estimated $15.3 billion.

Illegitimate business practices in the residential construction sector are 30 per cent of that activity, an estimated $4.5 billion in annual underground economic activity.

A few weeks ago, the provincial government launched an initiative to look at ways to combat the underground economy. MPP Laura Albanese, Parliamentary Assistant to Ontario's Minister of Finance, met with the construction industry and said she is looking to level the playing field and enhance the competitiveness of legitimate contractors while restoring revenue integrity.

BILD has long been leaders in fighting the underground economy in the home building and renovation industry. In 2001, BILD created the RenoMark program to help consumers identify professional renovators. The program is now national and in the GTA alone, there are close to 300 RenoMark renovators and trade contractors.

These professionals are members of their local home builders' association, and they abide by a renovation-specific Code of Conduct and a Code of Ethics.

By participating in this program, they also agree to provide a written detailed contract, carry applicable licenses and permits, have a minimum of $2 million liability insurance and offer a minimum two-year warranty for all work done.

At the meeting with Parliamentary Assistant Albanese, in addition to recommending the government build on the programs that already exist,

RenoMark members suggested a number of other initiatives. These include creating a public campaign to warn homeowners about the risks of working with fly-by-night business owners and a permanent home renovation tax credit, which is proven money well spent as consumers are protected and professional renovators are supported.

A few years ago, the federal stimulus home renovation tax credit generated $4.3 billion in additional registered economic activity in return for an average $700 tax rebate given to homeowners through the program.

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LEGAL MATTERS

Someone has to pay for delays

Jeffrey Cowan
For Metro Canada

Q: I am scheduled to close a new condo and my broker said there are a couple of problems with my credit application. I asked my lawyer about getting an extension and he responded with the information that the builder will charge an additional $500/ day of delay. This seems extremely high and arbitrary. Can they do this?

A: The overriding principle when it comes to extensions of final closing dates on new condos is that the builder wants to make sure any costs associated with the extension are borne by the purchaser. The contract you signed, way back when, is quite explicit about you being ready to close your condo when informed by the builder that the building is registered and ready to have the dwelling transferred into your name. I have seen builders also charge administration fees for the extension ($500+) and sometimes they charge an inflated interest rate on the outstanding amount still owing (which otherwise would have been in their pocket if the transaction closed on time).

Builders and their lawyers are increasingly unwavering with their demands when extensions are required. I inform my client immediately when told that a building is ready for final closing and specifically state that they get their mortgage in order. I have clients who are incredulous that the builder would demand these types of charges and furthermore, I should do something. I have to raise my hands in frustration because the builder is simply protecting their rights and profit from undue delays caused by their purchasers. Someone has to pay for delays and in this instance it is the unsuspecting consumer.

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CONDO TRENDS

Getting to and from the Six getting easier

Duncan McAllister
For Metro Canada

Known in the vernacular as The 905, the areas surrounding Toronto's downtown core make up the lion's share of the Greater Toronto Area.

Outside the boundary between city and suburb, the demarcation of the 416 and 905 telephone area codes, these once-rural satellite urban communities driven by recent investment in transit are the new model of suburban development.

Builders are taking advantage of the transit-friendly locales and are adapting to the trend.

One example is Adi Development Group's Stationwest townhomes in Burlington, located at the Aldershot GO station.

It's a community specifically designed to function with the GO rail service, with innovative way-finding for pedestrians and cyclists to navigate the station.

CEO Tariq Adi says the company plans to serve the needs of both local workers and Toronto commuters.

"Stationwest represents a lifestyle shift because it's directly connected to transit and you don't need a car." says Adi.

"Burlington's economy is booming.... We're projecting substantial population and job growth for the years to come."

Communities like this signal a new trend where downtown dwellers look for more space and a less stressful commute. It's a break from the dreary suburban stereotype of the car-utopia and treeless streets.

> **You can expect to see a growing number of people opt for the affordability of the suburb.**

The Yonge Station condo community in Barrie sports a train theme throughout, with its close proximity to Yonge Street and the Barrie South GO station.

And a little closer to the core, Diam Developments' On the Danforth condos is located on the GO rail system and the TTC subway.

The recent PwC Emerging Trends report on Real Estate 2016 notes that GTA suburbs are quite resilient in the face of the urbanization trend.

The report's respondents felt that major investments in transit infrastructure in and around the GTA will make the suburbs more attractive to a wider group of people.

As skyrocketing housing prices are driven by demand in the core, you can expect to see a growing number of people opt for the affordability of the suburbs. And with the proliferation of work-from-home, not everyone drives to and from Toronto.

The report's findings show that successful suburbs enable people to live, work and play without the need to commute to the city.

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Nguyen finding his resolve

FIGURE SKATING

Teen inspired by his dad — a Vietnamese refugee

It hasn't been an easy season for Nam Nguyen.

He's going through another growth spurt that has thrown his skating slightly off-kilter. He's feeling the pressure of defending his Canadian title against a field that once again includes Patrick Chan. There have been days, the 17-year-old says, where he's wanted to quit.

But Nguyen draws on resilience learned from his father Sony, who was among the hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese refugees who fled by boat to escape the country's Communist tyranny in the 1970s and '80s.

"He's so brave," Nguyen said of his dad. "I'm very happy that he's my father. He's taught me to become very strong.

"Sometimes he'll compare my problems to his problems and that will make my problems look like nothing," he added, laughing.

Sony Nguyen made the harrowing 500-kilometre trek to Malaysia in 1987, one of 149 people stuffed into a boat just 10 metres long. There was no room to walk. They sat, legs stacked upon one another like kindling, holding on while the rough South China Sea knocked them about.

They were attacked by pirates who took their food, water and belongings and what little money they had. The pirates raped several of the female passengers before leaving them adrift with nothing.

They were eventually rescued by a passing freighter, and taken to the Pulao Bidong refugee camp in Malaysia.

"At that time I said, 'Yes, we are alive,'" Sony said. "When I escaped my country, we had to realize we leave or we could die. It was very frightening ... right up until I put my foot down in Malaysia."

> **"He's taught me to become very strong.**
> Nam Nguyen on his father, Sony

Sony lived in the refugee camp for nearly a year before a Canadian sponsored him to move to Ottawa. Nguyen would send for Nam's mom Thu, a doctor in Vietnam, a year later.

"It was very difficult," said Nguyen, a computer scientist in Toronto. "Life, it's not easy, but we have to stand up and move on and fight for it. And that's what Nam has been trained for."

Nam and his dad were gripped by recent images of Syrian refugees, and their own harrowing escapes. Because Toronto's Jewish community came to the aid of the Vietnamese years ago, Nam recently spoke at the Holy Blossom Temple to ask the two communities to work together to support Syrian refugees.

"I feel really, really sorry for those people," Sony said. "They have been through what I went through, they sacrificed their families and their lives to come to Canada.... I told Nam, 'That's what dad has been through.' Nam is very proud of the family."

Sony enrolled Nam in hockey at the age of four. The two are big Vancouver Canucks fans. He started figure skating at five, and quit hockey at eight when he won the Canadian juvenile figure skating title.

Nam has captured a national title at every age group and won the world junior championships in 2014.

He was fifth at the world senior championships last spring.

He's the defending champion this week at the Canadian figure skating championships in Halifax. Sitting in a lounge at the Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club after a recent practice, Nam said his season has been a tough one.

One issue is his growth. He recently grew about six inches in a year, and figures he's grown another four since last spring.

"You go from a young man to a man and it's not so much the height, but your shoulders get broader ... just a different kind of weight," said his coach Brian Orser. "It's always an adjustment. But when he gets through this (growth spurt), it's full steam ahead."

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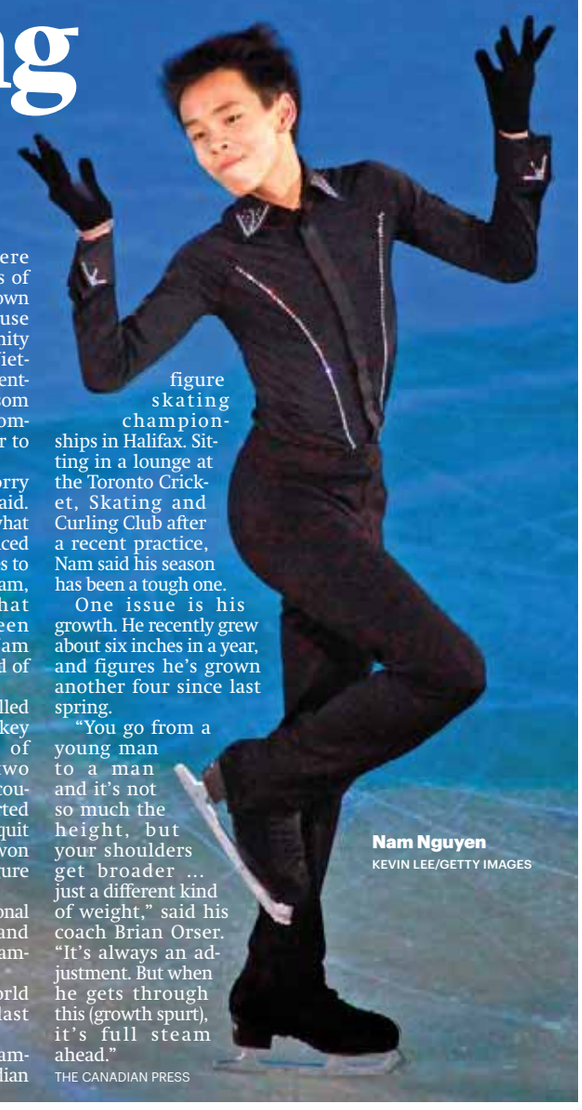

Nam Nguyen
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NBA

Raptors push win streak to 6 games

DeMar DeRozan poured in 34 points, Jonas Valanciunas added 19 points and 12 rebounds and the Toronto Raptors extended their winning streak to a season-high six games with a 115-109 victory over the Boston Celtics on Wednesday.

Luis Scola had 18 points for the Raptors (27-15), Terrence Ross chipped in with 14, including four three-pointers, and Kyle Lowry had 14 to help Toronto improve to 19-8 against Eastern Conference opponents this season.

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Isaiah Thomas led the Celtics (22-21) with 21 points and 10 assists, Avery Bradley had 19 points and Canadian Kelly Olynyk contributed 18.

Former Raptor Amir Johnson, in his first game back in Toronto since signing a free-agent deal with the Celtics this off-season, had two points as Boston lost for the fifth time in six road games.

The Celtics tied the game 105-105 on a Bradley jump shot with 3:20 left. But Lowry and Ross hit consecutive threes moments later to restore Toronto's lead.

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Former pro wrestler closes in on first UFC opponent

No stranger to calling out opponents from his days in the WWE, Phil "CM Punk" Brooks watched with interest as novice MMA fighter Mickey Gall pointed the finger at him.

Brooks, who has been in training for his UFC debut since signing with the promotion in December 2014, says Gall was smart to call him out at a regional show in November with UFC president Dana White in the audience.

"I'm an unknown and everybody kind of wants to cash in that Powerball ticket," Brooks said. "I'm like a human sexy trophy that everybody wants to win. So yeah, I think it's a wise decision by him. He had Dana front row for it, so he had the right audience and it's gotten him this far. So bully for him."

> **I'm super-anxious to get going.**
> Phil Brooks

Gall's move was captured on video on White's Lookin' for a Fight web series.

"Hey Dana White, I don't know if CM Punk has an opponent, but I would love to fight that man," Gall said in the cage after winning his pro debut.

White subsequently signed the 23-year-old welterweight, matching him against Mike Jackson (0-0) on the undercard of UFC 196 in Las Vegas. Should Gall (1-0) win Feb. 6, he will get his fight with Brooks who will be happy when his opponent is confirmed.

"It gives you more purpose in everything you do every day and you focus in on something. So it helps," he said.

The 37-year-old Brooks, a Chicago native, has been honing his MMA skills in Milwaukee under trainer Duke Roufus.

Brooks had his training derailed for two months in the fall by a shoulder injury, but he says he feels "100 per cent stronger" than he was a year ago — "in all aspects."

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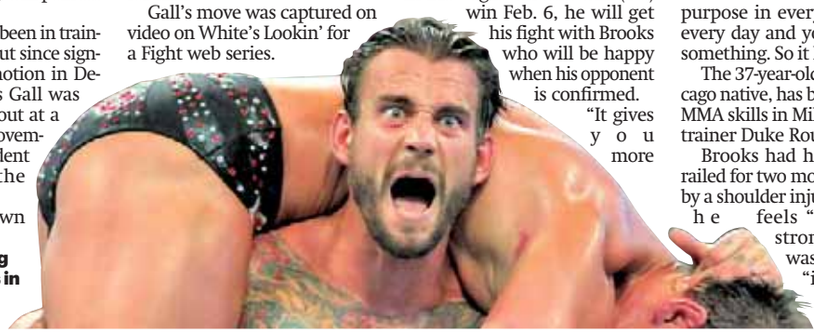

Phil Brooks during his CM Punk days in WWE.
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Phil Brooks comes to the UFC with a ready-made following thanks to his wrestling days. He has 2.46 million followers on Twitter compared to 1.09 million for featherweight champion Conor McGregor.

IN BRIEF

Bouchard 'OK' in Australian Open exit

Eugenie Bouchard admitted her heart was pounding during an Australian Open second-round defeat against fourth seed Agnieszka Radwanska.

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But the 21-year-old from Westmount, Que., took that as a good sign as she lost 6-4, 6-2 Wednesday.

"It was my toughest test, I did OK," Bouchard said of the 90-minute contest.

The Canadian is coming back from a concussion.

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Real Madrid still top of soccers's money table

Real Madrid is soccer's biggest moneymaker for the 11th straight year to stay top of Deloitte's Football Money League.

Despite winning no trophies last season Madrid's revenue was 577 million euros ($628 million US) in the 2014-15 season.

European and Spanish champion Barcelona regained second place by generating 560.8 million euros.

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Tax mess throws wrench in Messi's Copa America plans

Lionel Messi's tax fraud trial has been set for May 31-June 3, conflicting with the start of the centennial Copa America in the United States.

The Copa America Centenario kicks off June 3.

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Steph's No. 30 still No. 1

Stephen Curry remained the top seller on the NBA's most popular jersey list, released Wednesday. The NBA MVP is followed by LeBron James and Kobe Bryant.

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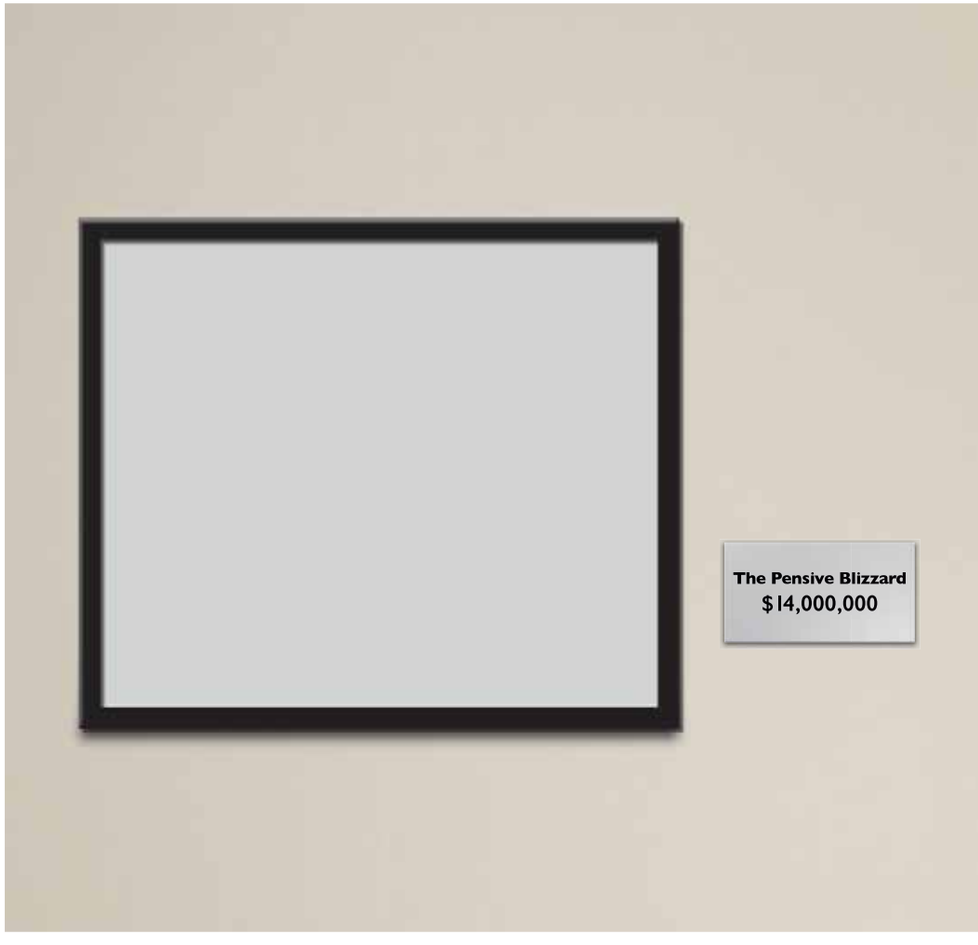

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RECIPE Roasted Chicken and Chickpea Tray Bake

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

The cool yogurt topping is the perfect complement to this Moroccan-spiced chicken tray bake.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: 35 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 5 Tbsp olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, minced finely
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1 tsp cumin
- 2 tsp salt
- Pinch pepper
- Pinch of red pepper flakes
- 1 cup Greek yogurt
- 6 boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 2 cups cherry tomatoes
- 15 ounce can chickpeas, rinsed
- 1 cup cilantro

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 450 F.
2. Whisk oil, garlic and spices together. Take 1 Tbsp of the mixture, stir it into the yogurt.
3. In a large bowl, toss the chicken, tomatoes, chickpeas and cilantro with the rest of the oil and spice mixture. Arrange in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet.
4. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes.
5. Serve with a dollop of the spiced yogurt.

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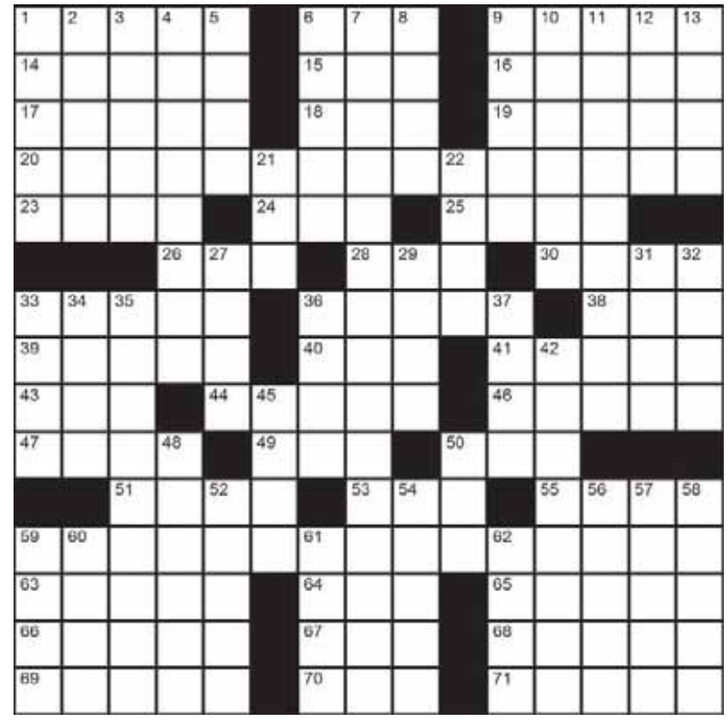

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1. "Just Between You _ _" by April Wine
6. PIN-inputing spot
9. Sounded satisfied
14. "Rio" band, when doubled
15. Alphabetic trio
16. Stock
17. "Give _ _ _." (Try)
18. Marci of "Canada AM" on CTV
19. Hagar the Horrible's wife
20. 1885 + Louis Riel + North-West Rebellion + Regina Courthouse = What?: 3 wds.
23. "Saturday Night Live" alum Horatio
24. 'Legal' suffix
25. Poet's 'previously'
26. "Am _ _ brother's keeper?"
28. Female pronoun
30. Snake-looking fishies
33. "Dave" (1993) star Kevin
36. In the least: 2 wds.
38. Theatre seating area
39. More pleasant
40. Li'l loudness
41. Classy theatrical show
43. White House nickname
44. Small boat
46. Elated
47. Dick Tracy's beloved
49. School of thought
50. Fail to keep
51. Leafy veggie
53. Positive vote
55. Faucets
59. Montreal's cruciform office/shopping complex since 1962: 3 mots
63. Outlandish
64. Gladiator's lucky number
65. "Don't Look Back in _": 1996 Oasis hit
66. War horse
67. Morn's follower
68. Keen
69. Cattle groups
70. Born, in society bios
71. Geological flattops

DOWN
1. Mine entrances
2. _Sweet (Sugar substitute)
3. Run out
4. Chatelaine or Maclean's
5. Organic compound
6. Currency exchange fees
7. Sloan song that goes "I know that I'll be living it in Canada.": 5 wds.
8. Royal Canadian _
9. Biblical son of Jacob and Zilpah
10. Relaxed: 2 wds.
11. Like the cowboy's gun before the draw at sundown
12. Consequently
13. Jan & _
21. Tina of "30 Rock"
22. Careen
27. French 'seas'
29. Fifty percent
31. God
32. Go to and fro
33. Do needlework
34. Similar
35. Canadian athlete Patrick Chan's profession: 2 wds.
36. Hertz rival
37. "Hard Core _" (1996)
42. Next to nothing payment
45. Capital of the Ukraine
48. Hallowed
50. Ms. Dawn Chong
52. The Who album: 'Live at _'
54. Aristocracy
56. 100-eyed giant of ancient Greek mythology
57. Michelangelo masterpiece
58. Ecological stages
59. Upscale
60. Minstrel's pear-shaped instrument
61. Men Without Hats lead singer Mr. Doroschuk
62. Lady's address

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Even if you find it hard to connect emotionally you will do so with ease over the next few days. The planets will help you empathize with those who you might otherwise find it hard to feel sorry for.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Taking a light-hearted approach will make it easier to deal with the huge responsibilities coming your way. Don't take what you have to do too seriously — just get on with it.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You can feel that something special is going to happen. The Sun in Aquarius will bring new opportunities your way, and give you the confidence to make something of them.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
How can you make your home life more enjoyable? Put work matters to the back of your mind and focus on family to the exclusion of everything else. Making a profit is okay but making loved ones happy is priceless.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
No matter how busy the past few weeks have been and no matter how desperately you need time to recover this is going to be an active day. Keep the momentum going.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Do not to make any sudden changes. If you do you will only have to change them back again later on. Things may look bad but they are not nearly as bad as they seem.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will be rather excitable today and the smallest thing will set you off. Don't be surprised if others, even those you are closest to emotionally, stay out of your way.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Don't panic. Your life is NOT falling apart — you are just looking at things from too negative an angle. You may be down but later on your mood and your viewpoint will be more positive.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Friends will surprise and delight you with sudden invitations and suggestions for having a good time, so don't plan your schedule in too much detail. You must be ready to drop whatever you are doing and party.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Impress employers and important people today. You have the knack of knowing the right thing to say, in the right way at the right time, and it won't be long before others are trying to impress you.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You must keep dreaming, even if so many of your dreams have failed to come true. There is every chance that what earlier seemed like a fantasy will quickly become a reality.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You could be too emotional today. Resist the urge to reply in kind to any adverse comments you receive. Count to ten before putting your feelings into words.

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